



Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School

# NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 8

July 2020

## MEET OUR NEW HEADS AND DEPUTIES!



**HEAD BOY**



**HEAD GIRL**



**DEPUTY HEAD BOY**



**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL**

## ALUN HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS



Maisie



## CLWYD HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS



Gracie



## DYFRDWY HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS



## ELWY HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS







**Academic**



**Art**



**Behaviour**



**Community**



**Endeavour**

# YEAR 6 AWARDS



**Fellowship**



**Kindness**



**Literacy**



**Maths**



**Performing Arts**



**Public Speaking**



**Science**



**Sport**



**Welsh**

Dear Year 6 Pupils

You will always remember that during this unprecedented time, you were in your final year at Bodnant. Even though we were unable to finish the year by holding a leavers' service and walk down the aisle in the Parish Church to the Final Countdown, I am confident that you will have enjoyed your time at home with your families.

You have been a very impressive group of pupils and every one of you has added something special to this school. We are all very proud of you.

As you move on to your new school, think of all the things you have achieved here, whether it representing the school in sports, the Eisteddfod, the Eco club, Sports Ambassadors, the School Council, House and Vice Captains, Head boy, Head girl, Deputy Head boy and Deputy Head girl and the many school visits. All of these things are an important part of your education and we hope you cherish these special memories.

You are all on your next stage of your educational journey and we hope you embrace all the opportunities that are available to you, follow your passions, continue to give of your best and good luck for the future.

Remember to always believe, commit and succeed.

H.Vernan



## Holiday Club

From July 20<sup>th</sup>

Opening times are:  
8.30am – 5.30pm

£35.00 per day

All enquiries to:  
07946 396169 or  
01745 887931

Email:

[office@daisychainsprestatyn.co.uk](mailto:office@daisychainsprestatyn.co.uk)



The children in the Key Workers class have been using their creative skills to make colourful tote bags.  
Well done!



Please could all pupils in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** bring a medium sized pencil case to school in September. The pencil case will be kept in school and should contain a **pen (blue ink), pencil, colouring pencils, ruler, eraser and pencil sharpener**. Thank you for your co-operation.



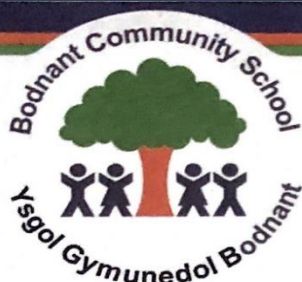
### YEAR 6 LEAVERS'S DISCO

We are still hoping to have a **Leaver's Disco** for our **Year 6 pupils**. We will send out further details in September!



## NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents of children currently in Nursery and Reception have received notification of their child's new class by post.



**Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School**  
Ffordd Parc Bodnant · Prestatyn · LL19 9NW  
T: 01745 854724  
E: [ysgol.bodnant@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:ysgol.bodnant@denbighshire.gov.uk)  
W: [www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk](http://www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk)  
Pennaeth/Headteacher: Mrs H. Vernon

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### SEPTEMBER 2020 CLASSES

Please see the list below for your child's class in September 2020.

#### Current Class

1HN (Miss Newby)  
1CR (Mrs Rowe)  
2ZC (Miss Cywinski)  
2LW (Miss Williams)  
3PW (Mrs Williams)  
3NV/JN (Mrs Vaughan/Mrs Newell)  
4SH (Mrs Hughes)  
4AS (Miss Smith)  
5JH (Miss Hughes)  
5CvN (Mrs van Niekerk)

#### New Class – September 2020

⇒ 2LW (Miss Williams)  
⇒ 2ZC (Miss Cywinski)  
⇒ 3NV/JN (Mrs Vaughan/Mrs Newell)  
⇒ 3PW (Mrs Williams)  
⇒ 4SH (Mrs Hughes)  
⇒ 4AS (Miss Smith)  
⇒ 5CvN (Mrs van Niekerk)  
⇒ 5JH (Miss Hughes)  
⇒ 6HL (Mrs Laing)  
⇒ 6RB (Mr Batterbee)

We look forward to welcoming your child into their new class in September.

Yours sincerely

*H Vernon*

Mrs H Vernon  
Headteacher

*Believe, Commit, Succeed*

**Mrs Longley will be the teacher in class 1HN for one day a week.**

## Going back to school

Advice for parents on keeping safe on the journey to school



Have you thought about how you will get your children to and from school when it is time to return? Are you considering changing the way you travel?

Sustrans' Active Journeys programme is aware many families have been enjoying walking, running, scooting and cycling as part of their daily exercise. It's a great opportunity to keep this going when schools go back. Our surveys show that pupils would prefer to travel actively if they were given the choice. The surveys we carry out with pupils, for example, show that over one-third of pupils want to cycle to school and a massive majority are positive about travelling actively.

Children enjoy being active. They arrive at school fresh and ready to learn. The streets around school are safer with less congestion. It's healthy for us all and it's also good for the planet (and doesn't create air pollution around the school). It's a chance to chat and share things as a family.

Many of us have experienced how we can maintain distance from others while travelling actively, including making use of the quieter roads even if that is to briefly step into them to move around people. Hopefully we can keep travelling actively, but the roads may get busier, so there is some advice overleaf so we can do this safely.

We think active travel will be an important tool in tackling Covid-19. Collectively we will be healthier and stronger. Studies have linked severity of Covid-19 symptoms to poor air quality, which is made worse if there is lots of traffic around the school.

[www.sustrans.org.uk/wales/activejourneys](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/wales/activejourneys)  
[schoolswales@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:schoolswales@sustrans.org.uk) | 02920 650 602

Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.  
 Registered Charity No. 326550 (England and Wales) SC039263 (Scotland).

YMWICH A'R MUDIAD  
**sustrans**  
 JOIN THE MOVEMENT

The majority of primary school children in the UK walk to school, with average trip distances less than 1.5 miles (20-30 minute walk).

15 minutes of exercise (including a walk, scooter or cycle to school) can improve a child's mood.

Active travel to school can increase a child's concentration level by up to 4 hours.

### Advice on Social Distancing on the Journey to School

When schools return, the pavements and roads may become busier again. Here are some ideas to help you feel comfortable travelling actively to school:

- Give yourself a bit more time in the morning. People walking, running, scooting and cycling tend to arrive at school over a longer time period. This makes it easier to manage limited space on the roads and paths around school.
- Vary your route if you can. This can be more interesting and pleasant, especially if you can stay away from busy roads. Try and find the route less travelled.
- Stop and wait for people to pass (and say hello). Look for wider areas of the path, for example at junctions and feel confident about using other people's driveways so people can pass.
- Remind children about slowing, stopping and giving space, especially if they are scooting and cycling. They might make mistakes, but try not to get angry, just remind them that it's really important right now.
- If you do have to step in the road to pass people, reinforce looking and listening with your family. Looking and listening is how we understand the world around us, so the more looking and listening we do by the roads the better decisions we make.
- Try and give older children (Y4 and above) responsibility for getting themselves to and from school. You might prefer to arrange to meet them near the school (outside the library or a shop). This helps their road confidence and reduces the amount of people around the school.

### What You Can Do

If you live too far away to travel actively or don't feel it is possible for you, please try and park and stride, ideally using an off-street car park, perhaps 5-10 minutes away from school. That way, your children still get the benefits of active travel.

If you think the footpaths are not wide enough, talk to the school's head teacher and your local authority. Many local authorities have an online resource where you can report problems directly to their Highways team. It may be possible to reallocate road or parking bay space as has happened elsewhere in the country. There may be opportunities to widen footpaths, try pop-up cycle lanes and close the roads around schools to traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. It is your ideas that make it happen.

Stay in touch with us. Share your ideas and concerns. We can work with local authority officers and school staff.

Your Sustrans Active Journeys Officer:  
 Gwenn Thomas  
[gwenn.thomas@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:gwenn.thomas@sustrans.org.uk)  
 07825 018445

Llywodraeth Cymru  
 Welsh Government

YMWICH A'R MUDIAD  
**sustrans**  
 JOIN THE MOVEMENT



From September we will **not** be accepting cash payments. **Water Bottles Book Bags and Sun Hats** will be available to purchase via ParentPay. Thank you.



If you are in receipt of certain benefits and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please call in at the School Office for an application form or download from the Denbighshire County Council website <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals.aspx> It could mean a saving of over £400 a year!

**Free School Meals**  
 Are you entitled?

## School Jotter



Don't forget to download our School Jotter App, if you have not already done so. You will get alerts when we post news, have access to the school calendar, newsletters and more. To get the app, google 'School Jotter', download the App, and then add 'Bodnant Community School' or the school postcode 'LL19 9NW'.

School Gateway: keeping you up-to-date with your child's school life, wherever you are.




"School Gateway genuinely gets me more engaged and involved at home with my daughters' schooling and rates a 10 out of 10 from me!"  
 Bethan, Queen Elizabeths, Exeter

Download the app for free today





<p><b>Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School</b>  <b>Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant</b></p> <p><b>Sir ddinbych denbighshire</b>          County Council</p>	<p><b>School term dates 2020/2021</b></p> <p><b>Autumn term 1</b>          1 September 2020 to 23 October 2020</p> <p><b>Autumn half term holiday</b>          26 October 2020 to 30 October 2020</p> <p><b>Autumn term 2</b>          2 November 2020 to 18 December 2020</p> <p><b>Christmas Holiday</b>          21 December 2020 to 1 January 2021</p> <p><b>Spring term 1</b>          4 January 2021 to 12 January 2021</p> <p><b>Spring half term holiday</b>          15 February 2021 to 19 February 2021</p> <p><b>Spring term 2</b>          22 February 2021 to 26 March 2021</p> <p><b>Easter holiday</b>          29 March 2021 to 9 April 2021</p> <p><b>Summer term 1</b>          12 April 2021 to 28 May 2021</p> <p><b>Early May bank holiday</b>          3 May 2021</p> <p><b>Summer half term</b>          31 May 2021 to 4 June 2021</p> <p><b>Summer term 2</b>          7 June 2021 to 20 July 2021</p> <p><b>NB. Teacher training days are not included</b></p>
--	---



Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School  
 Ffordd Parc Bodnant - Pen-y-bryn - LL19 9AW  
 T: 01745 854724  
 E: ysgol.bodnant@denbighshire.gov.uk  
 W: www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk  
 Pennaeth/Headteacher: Mrs H. Vernon

Dear Parent/Carer, 08/07/2020


We have had several enquiries regarding the provision for childcare over the summer holidays and wish to share with you the current situation.

- Funded childcare in the Hub, for children of school age will end at the end of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. After this date, you should access your usual childcare arrangements. Childcare settings have been able to re-open and increase capacity since the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, as well as easing of lockdown arrangements to support working parents with informal childcare arrangements. <https://gov.wales/extended-households-will-enable-families-be-re-united>
- Funded childcare for key-worker children of pre-school age (Under 5s) will be available over the summer holidays (until 31<sup>st</sup> August), if you are working in a role related to the COVID response. Please follow this link for further information: <https://gov.wales/childcare-under-five-year-olds-parents-guidance-coronavirus>
- If your child has been allocated a place at a school Hub through the 'vulnerable child' category then please contact your social worker to discuss your childcare needs over the summer holidays.
- If you require childcare for either pre-school or school-aged children we advise you to book with your provider as soon as possible. You will be expected to pay for this unless you are entitled to the Coronavirus Childcare Assistance Scheme (C-CAS).

**C-CAS – how to apply**  
 You need to contact the Family Information Service to access the fund. Please phone on the number below. Applications close on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

If you need help in finding childcare, please visit the [Dewis website dewis.wales](http://www.dewis.wales) <http://www.dewis.wales> or contact **Denbighshire Family Information Service** on 01745 815891.

If we are made aware of any changes to these arrangements, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely  
  
 Mrs Helen Vernon  
 Headteacher

*Believe, Commit, Succeed*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SITE MANAGER

As we will be returning to full school occupancy in September, the school site once again will become very busy in the mornings and afternoons with traffic. We shall be returning to normal operations concerning school access and traffic management when the new term begins. The school drop off car park on Nant Hall road is the only area to be used for parents dropping off pupils, or short-term parking. Spaces are limited here but Tesco provide free parking and is just a short walk from the school gates. The designated drop off area has a waiting time of just 2 minutes only. Please don't park in this area if you need to enter the grounds for any reason. The car park on Ffordd Parc Bodnant is for staff and official school visitors only. The security gates will be closed and no access is available at this entrance. Our traffic arrangements are as a result of the school Traffic Risk Assessment and Traffic Management Plan which are a statutory requirement. The intention is to make the school site as safe as possible for all users and your co-operation is appreciated.

Nefyn Morris  
 Site Manager

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

If you have not yet received your child's report, you can collect it from the School Office. Reports that are not collected by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** will be sent out by post.

## PARENTPAY YEAR 6 PUPILS

The balance on your child's ParentPay Account will be passed to Denbighshire County Council, who will be responsible for transferring any credits/debits to your child's High School.



We would love to see how well your sunflowers have grown during the summer holidays. Please take lots of photographs to share when we return to school in September.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION! RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER



15/07/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Proposed Return to School in September

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, published details of the next phase for schools in Wales, with an expectation that all children return to school from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. As a cluster of primary schools, we hope to be able to get all children back into school before that date, with the majority of children attending school full time from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (details below).

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our priority and we have now received the guidance required to help us to plan and prepare for this next phase. We are delighted to have already agreed our initial plans and considerations, prioritising wellbeing of learners, staff and families to plan an approach that is right for our community.

We understand that you will have many questions and we are working closely with the Local Authority and governors so that we can provide you with the information you need to prepare for this return. Between now and September will be very busy as we work to complete our risk assessments and prepare the school site. Some of the detail listed below is subject to change as we receive more guidance or the situation with regards to the virus changes over the coming weeks.

**When we begin to open to more learners from September it is likely that:**

### Teaching and Learning

- The full curriculum will not initially be in operation but we will focus on wellbeing and learning skills.
- We will continue to focus on teaching good hygiene and routines in the coronavirus world. This will include an induction on how all learners must now operate and behave in school during these unprecedented times.
- Our aim is to provide an education for all learners and a sense of routine/normality.
- There will also be pastoral and wellbeing sessions to foster good mental health within lessons.

### Arrangements during the school day

- Learners will be split into contact groups (bubbles) within their classes and year groups.
- Each contact group will have their own classroom space for the day they attend school and any mixing with other groups will be minimised.
- Classrooms will be organised to maximise the distance between learners.
- We will insist on regular handwashing and hand sanitising throughout the day.
- Uniform will be compulsory.



### Term Start Dates:

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – All children return to their old classes for 2 days. For example, if your child was in year 3 last year you will drop off in the year 3 drop off area below for these 2 days. We feel it would benefit learners to have 2 final days with their previous teachers to say goodbye and to ensure that the move to the new class is as smooth as possible.
- The staff car park will **not** be open for learners. Please use the parent car park.

The Daisy Chains entrance is now called the Early Years entrance.

Times are as follows:

Class	Arrive	Leave
<b>Nursery AM</b> (still half day until Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September)	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.	11:30am Through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.
<b>Nursery PM</b> (still half day until Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September)	12:30pm Drop off from parent car park, through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.	3:00pm Through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.
<b>Reception</b>	8:50am Drop off from parent car park, Early Years entrance and wait outside class.	3:10pm from classes on soft play area.
<b>Year 1</b>	8:50am Drop off from parent car park, on the playground by the year 1 classes.	3:10am from outside their classes on the playground by the year 1 classes.
<b>Year 2</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, through early year entrance to be met on the soft play area by class teachers.	3:20pm Through the early years entrance to pick children up from outside their classes.
<b>Year 3</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, past the bus to the Year 3 entrance (windy tunnel).	3:30pm pick up from the Year 3 entrance (windy tunnel).
<b>Year 4</b>	9:10am Drop off from parent car park, past the bus to the Year 4 entrance.	3:40pm from the Year 4 entrance.
<b>Year 5</b>	9:00am Drop off at the Year 5 entrance from the parent car park.	3:30pm by year 5 entrance.



**From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – The children will move to their new classes. Please see below and please adhere to the drop and pick up times.

Class	Arrive	Leave
<b>Nursery AM</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.	11:30 Through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance
<b>Nursery PM</b>	12:30pm Drop off from parent car park, through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.	3:00pm Through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance
<b>Reception</b>	8:50am Drop off from parent car park, Early Years entrance and wait outside class.	3:10pm from classes on soft play area
<b>Year 1</b>	8:50am Drop off from parent car park, on the playground by the year 1 classes.	3:10am from outside their classes on the playground by the year 1 classes
<b>Year 2</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, through early year entrance to be met on the soft play area by class teachers.	3:20pm Through the early years entrance to pick children up from outside their classes
<b>Year 3</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, past the bus to the Year 3 entrance (windy tunnel).	3:30pm pick up from the Year 3 entrance (windy tunnel)
<b>Year 4</b>	9:10am Drop off from parent car park, past the bus to the Year 4 entrance.	3:40pm rom the Year 4 entrance
<b>Year 5</b>	9:00am Drop off from parent car park, through the Early Years gate to the nursery door entrance.	3:30pm by year 5 entrance
<b>Year 6</b>	9:10am Year 6 entrance	3:40pm Year 6 entrance

#### **Behaviour**

- The normal school rules and expectations on behaviour and conduct will apply.
- Any pupil not following the social distancing rules will be removed from school and parents will be contacted to collect their child.

#### **Start and finish times**

- The start and finish times are as shown above.
- Attendance at school will be compulsory for all children unless they have a medical/health reason to do so. This will include learners who are still shielding, if the advice at the time is that they should attend school.
- Learners must not arrive at school any earlier or later than the time slot allocated.
- All learners will have a designated entry and exit point into and out of school, please see above.



- No adults can accompany learners into school. Only school staff and learners will be allowed in the school building and parents and learners must maintain social distancing when on the school site. Parents may be asked to leave the school site if they are unable to maintain appropriate social distancing.

#### **Breaktime and lunch times**

- Breaktimes and lunchtimes will be staggered so that each contact group has their own space. Learners from other contact groups will not mix during these times.
- The school kitchen staff will provide meals for anyone who wants one (for the usual charge). Orders for food will be placed earlier in the day.
- There is a further option that you can take your child home for lunch and return them to school please see below times. Please advise the class teacher if you would like to take your child home for lunch.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Lunch Time Start</b>	<b>Lunch Time End</b>
<b>Reception</b>	12:30	1:30
<b>Year 1</b>	12:30	1:30
<b>Year 2</b>	12:30	1:30
<b>Year 3</b>	12:00	1:00
<b>Year 4</b>	12:00	1:00
<b>Year 5</b>	11:45	12:45
<b>Year 6</b>	11:45	12:45

#### **COVID -19**

- If your child, or any members of your household, display any symptoms of Covid-19 they MUST NOT attend school.
- If a pupil does develop symptoms they will be isolated immediately and we will insist on them to be picked up as soon as possible.
- We will not be taking pupil's temperatures on arrival as the science shows that many children with coronavirus are asymptomatic.
- PPE has not been advised in schools except when administering first aid and for our cleaners. It might be that some learners and staff choose to wear facemasks.
- It is important that the school holds up-to-date contact numbers for all children so please contact school with any new contact numbers before your child attends.
- If a child soils themselves it may be necessary to contact a parent/carer to collect them to reduce the risk of infection.

Many thanks for your continued understanding, support and cooperation,

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Helen Vernon

**Head teacher  
Bodnant Community School**